

MAYOR WILLIAMS' WARD 5 END OF THE SUMMER UPDATE - 2005



800 New Jobs at Gallery Place Welcomed by Mayor Williams

In May, **Mayor Williams** welcomed 5 major new retailers: **Clydes**, celebrated its downtown DC location; **Aveda** Institute introduced their salon, spa, and school; **Lucky Strike**, the bowling/dining concept from Los Angeles was introduced as was **Zengo**, restaurant of renowned Chef Richard Sandoval. **Bed, Bath and Beyond** also announced that they would open a store in Gallery Place. Gallery Place is expected to generate **\$19 million in sales and property taxes** a year. **800 permanent jobs** are expected when construction is complete. **Looking for a new job or training? Call DOES at 202-724-7000.**

Economic Development and Housing

Economic development continues to roll throughout Ward 5. The **Washington Gateway Retail Center** is a **375,000 square foot retail center** planned for the Ft. Lincoln community. Negotiations continue with **Costco** to bring the national retailer as an anchor to this new retail center. Additionally, the **Rhode Island Avenue Metro Plaza** is a **\$58 million development on Rhode Island Avenue** that will be mixed use of retail, restaurants and 300 units of housing.

In addition to these major development projects, the Safeway Supermarket at Hechinger Mall is completing a \$5 million renovation.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WARD 5?

Employment

A new state of the art employment facility opened on Rhode Island Avenue, NE. It continues to provide citizens a one-stop place to research the status of unemployment benefits, assess their skills, prepare their resumes, research and compare training opportunities, and explore the regional labor market. It is hoped that the one stop center will help combat the problem of chronic unemployment in Ward 5. **Interested in using the employment services of the Center? Call 202-724-7000.**

Public Safety

Efforts to reduce crime throughout the city have been especially evident in Ward 5 where it has been **reduced by 16%**. To continue the aggressive steps that led to this significant reduction, **Mayor Williams' Hot Spot Initiative** was extended in the fall of 2004 to PSA 504. Since that time, there has been a 12% reduction in crime. It was also extended to PSA 501, which has experienced a 53% reduction. **Interested in finding out more about crime fighting initiatives? Call MPD at 202-737-4404.**

Recreation

Mayor Williams attended the grand opening ceremonies of the **Brentwood Recreation Center** on June 28, 2005. The new facility is 5,000 square feet and includes a multi purpose room, music/recording room, computer room, a crafts

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room and lounge space. Site improvements include replacement of the baseball field, new fencing, playground equipment and other recreational amenities.

The opening of the new **Turkey Thicket Recreation Center** is expected in October 2005. The new Center will have a 3-lane indoor track, a 200-seat auditorium, exercise and weight rooms, and an indoor swimming pool. Outdoor amenities include a jogging trail around the baseball field, new fencing and lighting. **For more information about these projects and other recreation services, call DPR at 202-673-7647.**

Education

Construction continues on a new facility for the **Luke Moore Academy**, the former DC Street Academy. It will be larger and have the capacity to accommodate 350 children, 100 more than they are presently able to educate. It will not only be larger, but a better-equipped facility for the young people to learn and thrive.

The **\$11 million modernization** project of the **Noyes Elementary School** was completed fall 2004. Approximately 250 students attend the school and will have a new facility when DCPS resumes at the end of August.

Ward 5's **Langdon Elementary School** was recently recognized by the US Department of Education as a Blue Ribbon School for 2004. It joined two other District elementary schools, Ward 4's Lafayette and Ward 3's Janney to receive this recognition. **For more information about these DCPS projects and other DCPS services, call 202-724-4222.**

Don't Forget:

The **DC Free Summer Meals Program** for youth 18 and younger runs from June 22-August 31, 2005. **Call 202-463-6211 or log onto www.summeryouthprogram.dc.gov for more information or locations.**

Applications are being accepted for the **Mayor's Advisory Neighborhood Commission Leadership Award**. **For more information call 202-442-8161 or go to www.neighborhoodaction.dc.gov**

On days when the "heat index" reaches 95 degrees, there are **2 Cooling Centers** opened for District residents at 441 4th Street, NW and 2000 14th Street, NW. The DC Energy Office has fans for qualified residents. **Call 202-673-6750 for more information.**

Don't forget to get your child(ren) immunized. School starts August 29, 2005. For more info call 202-576-7130.

DON'T LOSE THESE NUMBERS!

General Information (illegal dumping, trash collection/ leaf collection)	202 727-1000
Immunizations	202 576-7130
DMV Services	202 727-5000
Metro, Bus/Rail	202 962-1234
Medicaid/Food Stamps	202 724-5506
DCPS	202 724-4222
Senior Transportation	202 724-5626
Tax Assistance	202 727-4829
Open Hydrant	202 612-3400